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Z-SHADE CO., LTD.;
COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION;
LOWE'S HOME CENTERS, LLC; and
SHELTERLOGIC CORP.
Petitioners

v.

CARAVAN CANOPY INTERNATIONAL, INC.
Patent Owner

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PETITION FOR *INTER PARTES* REVIEW OF U.S. PATENT NO. 5,944,040

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